

President's Column

(Adapted from installation remarks, delivered June 3, 1988.)

The first time I came to Congregation Sha'ar Zahav was four years ago, the night of Leila Raim's installation as president. The evening was beautiful, moving, warm and funny; I went home feeling I had found my community and joined immediately. What I remember most about the evening (other than Leila's lover, Catherine, receiving a Jackie Onassis-style pill-box hat), was the tradition of passing the Torah from the earliest co-leader to the president being installed. It showed me a synagogue that cherished both its own history and its history among the Jewish people.

That night, I would never have guessed that four years later the Torah would come to rest with me. It's an honor beyond anything I'd ever dreamt. But I imagine that some of you may be concerned that I've been a member for only four years, and that I'll be the youngest president ever of CSZ.

I don't think of myself as young or new to the congregation. I've been on the membership committee since November 1985, and chaired it for over two years; this has given me the opportunity to speak to and become acquainted with the nearly 200 people who joined our congregation in the past two-and-a-half years. Being a committee chair, and being on the Va'ad and Executive Committee, have given me the chance to meet and work with the more seasoned members.

In addition, I bring a fresh perspective to the Sha'ar Zahav presidency. Although I haven't experienced many of our ups and downs first hand—and maybe that's good—I have educated myself about our good times and our not

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All Smiles on Election Day



New officers and Va'ad members elected at the Congregational Meeting. Shown here, front row (l. to r.): Dana Vinicoff, Allan Berenstein, President Robin Leonard, Jonathan Schwartz, Jose Luis Moscovich, Steve Greenberg. Back row: Treasurer Ben Schalit, Recorder Alex Ingersoll, Vice President Eric Keitel. Photo by Amy Blasenheim.

Education Committee

Summer Offerings

Calligraphy, or the art of writing in a beautiful hand, was considered an essential part of Jewish education. During the 17th century, Jews figured prominently as writing masters in the centers of European learning and Hebrew writing specimens were included in calligraphic handbooks. Starting in July the Education Committee is sponsoring an introductory course in Hebrew calligraphy. Susan Greenspan, a prominent Bay Area calligrapher, will lead a four-week class Tuesday evenings beginning July 26 at 7:30 pm at CSZ.

Do you wish you knew more about the play, playwright or production be-

fore you go to the theater? Want to experience a dress rehearsal? Or share your ideas with the cast before the production opens? The Education Committee is sponsoring a two-part program led by Bay Area playwright and CSZ member, Michael Zimmerman, in an introduction to Theatre Rhinoceros' fall season. We will meet twice, on Tuesday, August 23 at 7:30 pm at CSZ, for an examination of the plays by Michael Zimmerman and then September 6 at Theatre Rhinoceros to attend a dress rehearsal. There is no fee to members for attending this program. For further information, contact Bill Goldstein at 793-4283.

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so good times. Saturday a few weeks ago, I spent the afternoon reading 10 years of CSZ newsletters. I recommend it for anyone yearning to learn more about the synagogue.

Moreover, being president of this 415-member vibrant congregation is not a solo job, and I don't plan to do it alone. It's the quality, not the quantity or duration of my relationships, both within the synagogue and outside it, that will assist me as president.

First is my lover, Lee. This month, we celebrate our eighth anniversary, and this year Lee is serving as the senior warden (the highest non-clergy position) of her church. We share notes and she understands how busy I'll be this year. In fact, we considered changing our phone machine message to "you have reached the home of two lay leaders of major religious congregations in San Francisco, which is why no one is available to take your call. Leave a message at the beep, and one of us will get back to you in 1990."

Next is Eric Keitel, our new vice president. Eric and I have an uncanny ability to communicate. We both love to play charades; and when Eric and I are on the same team, we almost feel sorry for the other side. We'll often get the first syllable, and then the entire answer, in about 10 seconds. I don't bring this up because Eric and I plan to lead the congregation in game playing, but because our relationship is one of communication, understanding and fun. We've already met individually with all the committee chairs to find out their specific needs for the coming year, and we hope to hold group committee chair meetings throughout the year. In addition, we plan to host four afternoon teas in our homes in the coming year open to all members who want to meet with us to talk about the synagogue.

Next are Leila Raim, Don Albert, Irene Ogus and Richard Inlander. They are not just our four immediate past presidents. They are friends—very good friends—whom I trust, admire, envy for their sense of history, and will not hesitate to call on for assistance, along with the entire past presidents' council.

Last, but certainly not least, is Rabbi Kahn. Over the past few years, I have developed both a personal relation-

ship—having sought his guidance in times of personal need—and a working relationship with him. I look forward to furthering both, especially knowing their strong foundations.

This list isn't exhaustive. In my years at Sha'ar Zahav, I have formed many other relationships. I am anxious to strengthen those and to develop new ones. Together, we will work to carry out my new ideas and your new ideas, and to further our existing programs. One idea is a fundraiser for the synagogue that would give seasoned members the opportunity to socialize with newer members, cost the synagogue no money, and raise nearly \$5000. I'd also like to see us have, through the Children's Havurah, a Big Brothers/Big Sisters program so that our children members will have more adults in their lives, and their parents will have more time to participate in synagogue life. I'd like to see our membership potlucks become monthly and remain open to all members of the synagogue, thereby giving us a monthly, informal, unstructured, uncrowded opportunity to get together. I plan to have every committee chaired and filled with members. I would like to see our committees co-sponsor events and work together more. I look forward to working with the cookbook committee in beginning to sell 5000 more cookbooks, and with the new religious school committee as the formal education of our children begins in September.

And maybe I'm not so young. A few weeks ago Don Albert was looking at my head and touching my hair. I looked at him, and he said, "Don't worry that you're about to become the youngest president of Sha'ar Zahav. You've got the right qualification—about 12 gray hairs." I'm honored to serve, and I look forward to developing a few more gray hairs in the coming year.

—Robin Leonard, President

Carol Fiul, M.A.

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New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained several new members and friends in June. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Jean-Charles Bellour

Melinda Ginne

Martha Lubitz

New members are welcomed and honored at Friday night services on the last Friday of the month. By making them feel a part of our family, we can all help to show our new members that they have a valuable place at Sha'ar Zahav.

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Members of the Newsletter Committee are Alita Rosenfeld, Bob Goldware, Howard Blechman, Stephanie Hannaford, Garry Koenigsberg, Henry Mach, David Shaber, Steve Polsky and David Stein (general editorial and production); Amy Blasenheim (photos); Frank Hyman, Alex Ingersoll, Sam Thal and Eli Weinstein (distribution). The *Forward* is typeset by David Lester, Pagesetter Typography and printed by Lou Greene.

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Va'ad Report

President Richard Inlander began the June 13 Va'ad meeting by expressing appreciation for the flowers presented to him by Treasurer Eric Keitel on behalf of the Va'ad. After calling the meeting to order, Richard asked Ritual Committee chair Steve Greenberg to give the *D'var Torah*. Steve explained a mystical explanation for the week's Torah portion, in which Moses sends spies into the land of Canaan. The spies in the story can be analogized with the divine sparks in our own lives.

Treasurer Eric Keitel reported that well over 200 CSZ members have made the requested \$30 payment to the synagogue's Building Fund, but 140 have not yet done so. Also, \$8000 in dues remain to be collected, and members of the Finance Committee will be assisting the Treasurer to encourage members to fulfill their dues pledges.

Office Manager Jenny Helbraun reported that Jacqueline Letalien will be leaving Sha'ar Zahav as of June 30. By acclamation the Va'ad approved Garry Koenigsberg's motion to thank Jacqueline for her constant hard work and cheerfulness.

Don Albert reported on plans for the Western Regional Conference of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations to be held October 7-9. Early registration discounts will be available through August 23.

As Finance Committee chair, Don also presented the recommendation of the Finance Committee concerning a limited review of the financial records of the synagogue. The Va'ad voted to schedule a limited review of the current fiscal year, with costs and personnel subject to review by the new Va'ad.

The Va'ad approved the publications guidelines and review policy drafted by board members Tiela Chalmers, Jay Feinstein, Bob Goldware, Robin Leonard, and Ben Schalit, who met as a committee. The policy describes guidelines and a recommended review procedure for producing materials published by the synagogue.

The Va'ad and several other interested members of the Congregation discussed options presented in the Ritual Committee chair's report for accommodating the overflow crowd expected at CSZ's Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services at the Unitarian Center. The

goal of the discussion was to decide on an option that would provide an alternative to turning people away from CSZ's High Holiday services. The Va'ad approved a proposal to provide overflow seating with sound piped in.

Tiela Chalmers presented a list of names of people to be appointed to the synagogue's long-range planning committee. The Va'ad voted to appoint the following people to that committee: Ken Burke, Tiela Chalmers, Daniel Chesir, Rick Crane, Rena Frantz, Allan Gold, Ora Prochovnick, Sharyn Saslaffsky, David Stein, Nanci Stern, Rob Tat, and Andy Zimmerman.

Social Action chair Ami Zusman introduced Jonathan Mesinger, who will be succeeding Ami as chair of the committee. Ami also presented the Social Action Committee's proposal to support CRECE, an organization that assists Central American refugees, which the Va'ad unanimously voted to do.

Richard explained to those present that because of Betty Kalis's resignation from the board, the Va'ad was required under the bylaws of the Congregation to appoint someone to fill the vacancy. After some discussion, a majority of the Va'ad voted to appoint Don Albert to the position, and he will serve the remaining year of Betty's term.

—Ben Schalit, Recorder

In Error

In last month's article about the kibbutz at Neve Shalom, we erroneously printed that Jewish and Arab teenagers met together "three times a year," when it should have read "three times a month."

Naches

Mazel tov to **Andy Rose** who is the 1988 recipient of the Louis Kraft Award for young professional workers given at the Conference of Jewish Communal Service.

Prudence Canter & Dana Folse celebrated their *kiddushin* (union) on May 29.

Ethan Inlander was confirmed on Shavuot at Congregation Sherith Israel.

Margaret Rossoff received her M.A. from the psychology program at New College.

Jason Carls, son of **Marty Carls**, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah at Shabbat services on Saturday, July 30.

Laurie Davis will be called to the Torah as an adult Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, August 13.

Food Bank

Please, don't forget our brothers and sisters in need. Keep filling the shul's collection baskets with non-perishable food and other household items for the SF AIDS Foundation's residence program.

New Members' Potluck

The Membership Committee invites the entire congregation to a potluck honoring new members on Sunday, July 17, 4-7 pm. The event will take place at the home of Allan Berenstein, 345 Church St. Come meet our new members and enjoy the garden. Children are welcome. For information or directions, call Allan at 863-8033.

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New (Fiscal) Year's Greetings

New Year's greetings? In July? Does the new treasurer not know what time of year this is?

As you probably realize, July 1 is the beginning of Sha'ar Zahav's fiscal year. At this time, the newly elected treasurer and other officers and board members begin their terms in office. At the same time, each of Sha'ar Zahav's members must make a similar commitment as well. This commitment is expressed—of course—in dollars, as well as through participation at services and in committees. Now am I talking like the treasurer?

I have benefitted by learning from my able predecessor, Eric Keitel, who not only maintained the financial health of the synagogue through his diligent work and long hours, but also made Sha'ar Zahav's Tenth Anniversary Celebration a most wonderful success. I know his commitment to this congregation is wholehearted, and we are fortunate to have him as our new vice president.

As treasurer I have the responsibility to keep records of the dues status of each member of the congregation and to encourage our members to make as large a dues pledge as possible! It is also important to remind members to make realistic pledges that are within their ability to pay. Another responsibility of the treasurer is to remind everyone, including potential new members, that our dues structure as it currently exists calls for one percent of gross annual income. (Under the bylaws of the congregation, the treasurer is authorized to make modifications of dues or of special assessments when warranted by changes in a member's financial status, and to keep them confidential.)

By now all of Sha'ar Zahav's members will have received notices requesting membership renewals and new dues pledges. Please carefully think over what you want your commitment this year to be, what your dues pledge means to the financial health of the synagogue, and what your membership in Congregation Sha'ar Zahav means to you. If you have questions, please call me at the number indicated in the letter.

So even if it's not a new year on *your* calendar, now that you know July 1 is on *my* calendar, you know why I am saying "Happy New (Fiscal) Year!"

—Ben \$chalit, Treasurer

A Call for Shofar Blowers

In an effort to increase the pool of potential shofar blowers at CSZ, Pam Schaffer will be offering three lessons between July 15 and August 10. Those interested in learning to blow shofar should be willing to make a commitment for instruction, and be prepared to practice.

Anyone interested in learning to blow shofar for the high holiday season should contact the CSZ office by July 15.

HIV Support Group

A new support group for people who have tested positive on the HIV antibody test is now being formed. An organizational meeting will be held in mid-July, and the group will meet for six to eight sessions. This group is open to CSZ members only. If you are interested, please call Rabbi Kahn at the synagogue.

High Holidays Service Schedule

Last August, Jacqueline spent a lot of time answering phone inquiries about service times. The newsletter therefore publishes the following listing. Please note that all services will be held at the Unitarian Center unless noted otherwise.

Slichot

Saturday, September 3
9:30 pm at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav

Rosh Hashanah, First Day

Sunday, September 11
7:30 pm, Maariv
Monday, September 12
10:00 am, Shachrit, Musaf, & Children's Service
1:30 pm, Seudat Mitzvah (festival meal) at Fort Point
3:30 pm, Tashlich at Fort Point

Rosh Hashanah, Second Day

Monday, September 12
6:30 pm, Maariv at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
Tuesday, September 13
10:00 am, Shachrit & Musaf at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav

Yom Kippur

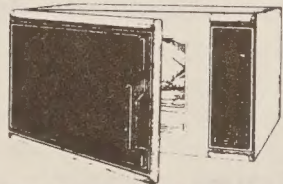
Tuesday, September 20
7:30 pm, Kol Nidre
Wednesday, September 21
10:00 am, Shachrit, Musaf, & Children's Service
3:30 pm, Mincha/discussion
5:00 pm, Yizkor & Neilah

AIDS Walkathon

The Women's Havurah invites all men and women of Sha'ar Zahav to join in walking together in a 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) walk against AIDS on July 24. Please meet at 9 am at the band shell in Golden Gate Park. Join the fun with thousands of people in a relaxed walk, while you help raise much-needed funds to benefit nine different AIDS organizations. Registration forms are available from the AIDS Walkathon office at 989-WALK. For further information, call Robin Leonard at 386-7876.

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Sanctuary Update

Emergency Food Drive on July 15: San Francisco budget cutbacks threaten up to \$10,000 in funds now used by CRECE (the Central American Refugee Committee) to feed 70 refugee families. These families are part of over 500 people who depend upon CRECE for their daily food needs. The need for food for refugees has become much greater with passage of the new immigration law, which severely limits refugees' ability to get jobs.

To meet this food emergency, CSZ, along with other San Francisco sanctuary congregations, has initiated a one-time emergency drive to collect additional food for refugees, until other resources can be found. On Friday, July 15, the Social Action Committee urges you to bring nonperishable rice and dried beans to the synagogue, in addition to your regular donation to CSZ's AIDS Food Drive. The food collected, along with a donation from the Harvey Milk Social Action Fund, will be forwarded to CRECE to distribute to needy refugees.

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Carlos Canas granted asylum: Carlos Canas, a young Jewish Salvadoran refugee with whom we have worked, was recently granted political asylum in the United States. Carlos, who fled to the United States last year after death squad threats, had been incarcerated by the Immigration and Naturalization Service—until funds raised through CSZ's Sanctuary Bond Fund and the SF Jewish Sanctuary Coalition allowed him to be released on bail. Now the \$2,000 bond posted for Carlos has been returned, and the money will be used to provide bail for other refugees incarcerated by the INS. If you wish to contribute so that more refugees can be released on bail to pursue political asylum, send a check to CSZ, designated for the Sanctuary Bond Fund.

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Sanctuary summer event: On Sunday, July 17, 2:30–4:30 pm, CSZ will participate in a special SF Jewish Sanctuary Coalition event to inform people about Central American refugees. Rabbi Sheldon Lewis of Kol Emeth in Palo Alto will report on his recent visit to refugee camps on the Texas-Mexico border, as part of a Rabbinical Assembly delega-

tion. Peggy O'Grady of Catholic Charities will discuss her recent trips to repopulated areas in Northern El Salvador, which are struggling to survive amid military hostility. This free event will be held at the Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St. Please bring a dessert or fruit; coffee and tea will be served. For more information, call 282-2636.

Library Notes

Taking stock of a library can be an occupation in itself; but taking stock of our library can be a pleasure. A year ago we had fewer than 100 volumes and three tapes; today we have about 250 volumes and about 60 tapes, and expect to double that number in the next year. Last year the library was almost inaccessible; today we have a check-out system that can be used by any member.

To check out a book, take the check-out card from the book; paper-clip it to your membership card; and file it under the first letter of the title of the book in the file box located on the library shelf. There is no need to write your name or the check-out date on the card.

Last year at High Holy Days membership cards were sent to all members. The same will be done again this year. These are your library cards. If for some reason you do not have a card, write your name, phone number, and membership date on a separate piece of paper and clip it to the check-out card.

The Education Committee hopes that you enjoy and learn from the library. If you have any questions, call Jenny at the office or Bill Ashley-Dobbin at 552-3047.

—Bill Ashley-Dobbin

Children's Havurah

Planning Meeting

Our annual meeting to plan this year's calendar of events for the Children's Havurah is scheduled for Sunday, July 17 from 10 am to noon at 2838 Atwell Ave. in Oakland. Please join us to talk about the future of our Havurah and to ensure that the activities you most enjoy will be included in this year's plans.

As this will be a working meeting, please try not to bring kids. If you must bring them, please phone Sue (525-5026) or Jill (536-4478) so that we can plan ahead for childcare. Call Jill for directions to Atwell Avenue.

Havurah Picnic at Tilden Park: Join the Children's Havurah for a picnic and fun in the sun at Lake Anza in Tilden Park on Sunday, August 14 at 11 am. Look for us on the grass once you enter the swimming area and don't forget sand-digging toys and sunscreen. Bring your own lunch or buy from the snack bar there.

Just a reminder: everyone is welcome at the Children's Havurah events, so come and join us for some CSZ family fun! Call Jill (536-4478) for directions and/or any other info.

Religious School

Planning is underway for our forthcoming Sha'ar Zahav religious school. We are planning on "Aleph" and "Bet" classes this fall, to serve children entering grades K-3. Registration material will be sent this summer to members of the Children's Havurah; if you are not on the mailing list, please call the synagogue office for further information.

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Spotlight On...

Ann Biderman

The Women's Havurah, which had put on the memorable "Taste of Honey" conference last May at Camp Swig, had been inactive since last fall. But when Ann Biderman stepped in as chair in March, the committee was reactivated and began sponsoring events again.

Ann, 33, is a native of Dallas, Texas, and the youngest of three children. Both her parents survived the Holocaust by hiding in a small Polish town (her father narrowly escaped the camps by jumping from a train).

Several years after the war, her parents married, emigrated to the United States, and settled in Dallas to join other family members. Her father set up a retail clothing store where Ann and her mother assisted him. Life in her close-knit family, she said, was "conservative leaning towards orthodox." Involved with the Dallas Jewish community, a member of B'nai Brith girls and attending a predominantly Jewish high school, Ann, in her words, "didn't see much of the outside world."

Following graduation from the University of Texas, she taught school. "I felt isolated in Texas being Jewish, being a woman, and being a lesbian," Ann recalls. "I was feeling more of a need to be around other Jewish people because it was such a strong part of my life. Growing up Jewish was so much more than a religion: it was the basis of who I was and who I am."

Hearing about San Francisco, she visited and was taken to CSZ for services. "I remember that was one of the first overwhelming experiences I had—seeing that there was a Jewish gay and lesbian community." Moving here shortly thereafter, she joined CSZ three months later. "I've found a lot of what I'd been looking for here at CSZ. In its community is an environment where I can feel good about who I am. I don't feel so isolated, and I've met a nice Jewish girl named Ellyn."

No longer a teacher, Ann now works as a small business organizer and bookkeeper. She enjoys many things: the outdoors, volleyball, traveling, and is now learning the art of hitting a tennis ball. Eager to meet new people and get involved at CSZ, Ann began greeting with the membership committee. Now



Photo by Amy Blasenheim

Women's Havurah

Theater, Bicycles, and More

Vicki Dello Joio's *A Mime's Eye View* will open at Theatre Rhinoceros on July 8. Poet and writer Jacqueline Letalien, formerly of the CSZ office staff, has co-written some of the script and will dramatize and vocalize some of the stories.

Women from Sha'ar Zahav and Ahavat Shalom will be attending the Saturday, July 16 performance. We will meet informally after the show for coffee and conversation at a place to be determined. Please reserve your own tickets through Theatre Rhinoceros at 861-5079. Tickets are \$8 per person. For further information, please call Sylvia at 665-1912.

Bike and Brunch: The Women's Havurah is sponsoring a bike ride across the Golden Gate Bridge on Sunday, August 7. We'll meet at the Arguello Gate of the Presidio at 9:30 am, and pedal in leisurely fashion across the bridge. On the Marin side, we'll descend precipitously (but slowly) to the little-known town of Fort Smiley, before walking or riding our bikes over a small ridge to Sausalito.

In Sausalito we'll picnic on a seaside lawn, or brunch in a restaurant. After a couple of hours, we'll ride back at an easy pace, arriving by 2 pm.

All women in the congregation and their friends are welcome. It's a great way to meet new people, get some exer-

she's working on the Western Regional Conference, planned for October in Malibu.

When she discovered that the Women's Havurah was inactive, she recalls, "At that point I started thinking it was important to have an outlet to meet with other Jewish lesbians: one that would provide an opportunity for us to get together within the congregation."

Cheryl Orvis was the woman who motivated her the most. "I owe part of the credit for what I'm doing to Cheryl," she said. "She was an important role model, one of the people I looked up to. And after her death, I felt I wanted to continue the good work Cheryl had done."

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cise and sun, schmooze a little, and enjoy some good food together. Please call Kate Sharp at 526-2394 for further information.

Havdalah and Potluck: In response to many requests to repeat our successful May event, all women are invited to join the Women's Havurah on Saturday, August 13 for a repeat performance! We will meet at 7 pm to mark the end of Shabbat with a Havdalah service and potluck dinner. Please call Lisa at 661-9805 for directions and menu coordination.

Future Events: The Women's Havurah met on May 23. We have a lot of new events planned and are working on future ones.

We are planning a "Taste of Honey" dance for Jewish women and their friends at the Unitarian Center this fall. Volunteers are needed to work on the organizing committee and to help on the night of the dance. Contact Ann Biderman at 648-5526 for further information. Save the date—October 1!

Our annual High Holidays Blood Drive will be held in September. We need volunteers to help coordinate this event. Please call Ann if you are willing to help with this mitzvah, which can save the lives of our brothers and sisters who are in need.

JULY/AUGUST

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HUMMMBaby

Were you ever selected last when it came time to choose up sides? Have you a propensity for stopping ground balls with your ankles? Can you take batting practice in your living room without breaking anything? If the answer to any of the above is *yes*, well, this is the softball game for you.

Come find out who will win this year's GBAA (Golden Band-Aid Award) at Julius Kahn Field on Sunday, August 21, anytime between 10:30-3:00. Bring a picnic lunch (grill will be provided), your friends and your children. Spectators and cheerleaders are also needed.

Julius Kahn Field is simple to get to. Drive up Arguello Boulevard (past the big synagogue with the dome) into the Presidio. Make the first, immediate, sharp right. Continue down this road the equivalent of five or six blocks. The field is on your left; there's plenty of parking on the right.

If you can find your old baseball mitt, dust it off (maybe spit in the pocket) and bring it along. (But don't worry if you can't find the mitt; we've got some extras we'll provide.) See you there, Babe.

—Ron Lezell, Coach

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July Birthdays

- 1 Susan W.
- 1 Diane Sabin
- 6 Steven Berlin
- 8 Ben Schalit
- 9 Bob Goldware
- 9 Steve Elman
- 10 Pamela Ruskin
- 10 Bill Schlichter
- 11 Laurent Gasperini
- 14 Paul Wotman
- 14 Steve Unger
- 15 Jason Dahlstrom
- 15 Cheryl Price
- 16 Alice Perlman
- 20 Hannah Blazewick
- 24 Alan Craig
- 24 Abigail Abbuehl
- 25 Sally Martin
- 26 Benjamin Morgan-Achtenberg
- 27 Patrice Goldman
- 28 David Levine
- 29 Jonathan Schwartz
- 30 Prudence Carter

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August Birthdays

- 1 Ed L.
- 1 Jenifer Dahlstrom
- 2 Francie McGowan
- 4 Jonathan Funk
- 4 Nancy Snow
- 4 Daniel H.
- 7 John Golebowski
- 7 Robert Nacamulli
- 8 Sanford Friedman
- 9 Allan Gold
- 12 David Glassberg
- 13 Lonnie Weiss
- 15 Reuben Greenwald
- 16 Leland Vogel
- 17 Lynn Scarper
- 18 Max Zaslawsky
- 19 Paul Cohen
- 19 Dan Bellm
- 21 Kate Sharp
- 23 Frank Hyman
- 23 Michael Lipson
- 25 Sen Talley
- 25 Noah Nacamulli
- 25 Adam Inlander
- 30 Marilyn Miller
- 30 Shelley Spiro

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July & August Anniversaries

- 7/4 Robin Leonard & Lee Ryan
- 7/6 Carol Cohen & Sandra Blair
- 7/14 Cheryl Price & Shelley Montgomery
- 7/24 Milton Estes & Tom Steel
- 8/1 Leila Raim & Catherine Wisniewski
- 8/14 Allan Blumenfeld & Morris Woolfson
- 8/17 Ed Gabay & Jack Leister
- 8/18 Steve Unger & Paul Quin
- 8/20 Francie Hornstein & Ellen Peskin
- 8/23 Eric Keitel & Aaron Cooper
- 8/28 Judy Macks & Adele Prandini

Condolences

We at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav extend our sympathy to the following member who has suffered a recent loss:

To **Ken Burke** on the loss of his son, Lawrence.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav's annual congregational meeting was held at the synagogue on Sunday, May 15. The congregation heard reports from CSZ's rabbi, president, treasurer, and committee chairs; voted on a new bylaw amendment and a budget; and elected new officers and board members.

The congregation approved a bylaw amendment to establish a Religious School and a Religious School Committee. The congregation also approved a budget for the next fiscal year (July 1988 through June 1989).

The congregation elected the following officers for a one-year term: Robin Leonard, president; Eric Keitel, vice president; Ben Schalit, treasurer; and Alex Ingersoll, recorder.

Allan Berenstein, Steve Greenberg, Jonathan Schwartz, and Dana Vinicoff were elected to Sha'ar Zahav's board for two-year terms, and Jose Luis Moscovich was elected for a one-year term.

In July the newly elected officers and board members will join continuing board members Tiela Chalmers, Garry Koenigsberg, and Alita Rosenfeld. Board members whose terms end in June are Jay Feinstein, Bob Goldware, Ellen Kugler, and Sen Talley.



July & August Ritual Calendar

Friday, July 1

Parshat Balak
Early Service, 6:15 pm
Rabbi Yoel Kahn & Nancy Snow
Service, 8:15 pm
Rabbi Yoel Kahn & Jonathan Funk

Friday, July 8

Parshat Pinchas
Bill Schlichter & David Stein

Friday, July 15

Parshat Matot-Ma'asei
Daniel Chesir & Rabbi Yoel Kahn
Synagogue Anniversary Service
The Torah will be read, and Rabbi
Margaret Moers Wenig will
deliver the sermon.

Friday, July 22

Parshat Devarim
Shabbat Chazon
Tiela Chalmers & Leila Raim

Friday, July 29

Parshat Va-Ethanan
Ritual Committee & Friends

Saturday, July 30

Morning Service, 10:30 am
Rabbi Yoel Kahn & Bill Schlichter

Friday, August 5

Parshat Ekev
Early Service, 6:15 pm
Rabbi Yoel Kahn & Tiela Chalmers
Service, 8:15 pm
Henry Mach & Nancy Snow

Friday, August 12

Parshat R'eih
Rabbi Kahn & Jose Luis Moscovich
Mevarchim Chodesh Elul

Friday, August 19

Parshat Shoftim
Sen Talley & Steve Greenberg
Torah will be read

Friday, August 26

Parshat Ki Teitzei
Rabbi Kahn & Bill Schlichter

Saturday, August 27

Morning Service, 10:30 am
Rabbi Kahn & Steve Greenberg

Friday, September 2

Parshat Ki Tavo
Early Service, 6:15 pm
Paul Cohen
Service, 8:15 pm
Mike Rankin & Jean Bellour

September 3, 9:30 pm

Slichot
Ritual Committee & Friends

Wheelchair Accessibility (Almost)

Our synagogue, unfortunately, is not wheelchair accessible, nor can it be made accessible. The front door is too high up, and adding a ramp to the back door would require a ramp out into Danvers Street, which the city will not permit.

But we are doing what we can. We plan to add a handrail next to the oneg room door to assist members and guests with mobility problems. Anyone in a wheelchair who would like assistance (there are two steps into the oneg room) should call the synagogue two days in advance and we will make sure that at least two people are present to help you into the building.

Fireside Chat...

With the president and vice president (no, not Ronnie and George).

On Sunday, August 7, from 3 to 5 pm, President Robin Leonard and Vice President Eric Keitel will host the first of four "fireside chats." (If it's cold enough, we promise to have a fire.) The idea is to give every member of the congregation an opportunity to meet and talk with the president and vice president about anything synagogue-related. Bring your compliments, suggestions, gripes or topics for discussion. We'll supply coffee, tea and dessert.

The first chat will be held at Robin's home, 346 Euclid Ave. in San Francisco. Euclid is one block north of Geary, between Masonic and Arguello, and there's lots of parking. If you need more specific directions, call Robin at 386-7876. We look forward to seeing you.

—Robin Leonard

Spotlight

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Fortunately for CSZ, Ann has taken the first step. Both Ann and the synagogue encourage other women to get involved. The Women's Havurah, and all the other activities of our congregation, depend on your support, ideas and energy to thrive.

If you are interested in the Women's Havurah, Ann would like you to give her a call at 648-5526.

—Amy Blasenheim

Harmonious Bliss

Can you carry a tune? Choral singing experience is not necessary, but commitment to regular rehearsals is a requirement for those wishing to join Sha'ar Zahav's Ensemble.

The Ensemble has been responding to an increasing number of requests for performances by expanding its repertoire of choral music. At the Adrienne Rich poetry reading, the installation of temple officers, and Shabbat Freedom, the Ensemble performed some lesser-known traditional works as well as music by Solomone Rossi and George Frederick Handel.

The group rehearses diligently on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, at 4 pm. As the ensemble begins preparations for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services, three or four new members can be added.

Those interested in joining the Ensemble and expanding their repertoire of skills and friends should call Dana Vinicoff at 826-1629.

Remember to keep us up to date. If you've moved, changed your name, have a new phone number, or wish to add a listing to our yearzeit or anniversary records, please call or write the synagogue office.

So Ask Aunt Yente

Dear Aunt Yente,

What is the reason for the talit gadol that some people wear at services?

Ignorant on Irving

Dear Irving,

Aunt Yente will not use the first name you give, because from the way you ask your question she thinks that you maybe know the answer already. Is that nice, to fool your Aunt Yente? But, since Aunt Yente knows the answer too, so why should she waste a perfectly good column?

Translating your awkward pronunciation into standard Hebrew (it was good enough for the Ba'al Shem Tov, and it's good enough for Aunt Yente), so you are asking about the *tallis*. So in the Torah, God tells Moses we should put *tzitzis* (tassels) on the corners of our clothing, as a reminder to keep all the other commandments. (This was before there were alligators, to remind us to eat Creole food.) But, you ask, nowadays we don't have corners on our clothing (although we make up for this with zippers). So aha! Aunt Yente answers—so that's why we need the *tallis*. The *tallis* is often very beautiful, with stripes, and embroidery, and other kinds decoration, but the only real requirement is that it have corners; and what "counts" as far as the commandment is not the *tallis* at all, but the *tzitzis* that are attached to each of the four corners.

(Please remember that Aunt Yente said four *tzitzis*. Sometimes, a religious person when they die will be buried wearing their *tallis*. But it isn't nice to use for this a *tallis* that still can be used to fulfill the mitzvah; so one of the four *tzitzis* is removed, so that the *tallis* is no longer valid for ritual use. When Aunt Yente was a little person, she was told stories about people on their way to shul at night who met someone with only three *tzitzis* on their *tallis*. If this happened to her, she was told she should run home quickly and offer to sell movie rights to Steven King.)

So Moses told us to put tassels on our clothing to wear all the time—"that you should see them and you should remember all the mitzvahs." But a *tallis* most people wear only to pray; shouldn't you be wearing *tzitzit* all the time? The orthodox would say yes. That is why in addition to the *tallis*, the kind worn in shul (what you call a *tallit gadol*,

a "big *tallis*") there are also simply *tzitzis*, a smaller version of the *tallis* which can be worn under the shirt, all the time. Fancy talkers like you call these a *tallit katon* (as you might have guessed, a small *tallis*).

So if the purpose of the *tallis* is seeing and remembering, you could say that wearing one only to pray in is a little bit what you can call hypocritical. If the *tzitzis* are for reminding us of our responsibilities to God and to each other, then the time we need them is exactly *not* when we are praying, but in all the other times we are walking around giving each other *tsurus*. So unless we wear them all the time, why should we put them on the only time, *nebbech*, that we don't need the reminder?

(So the Orthodox have a very practical reason. By them, only the married ones in the congregation wear a *tallis*. This is a useful guide to who is available, but Aunt Yente doesn't think that by us it will catch on.)

There is a better reason why we need the *tallis* at services, but for it Aunt Yente must contradict herself. She said before that the only part of the *tallis* that really counts is the *tzitzis*. But for her, this is not true. To pray while she is wrapped in a *tallis* is very important for your Aunt Yente. So many memories there are, when she unfolds it! She sees the stripes, of blue and white or black and white, which symbolize the beginning of the world, when God separated the waters of the firmament from the earth and the waters below. She begins to lose herself even in the meditation before the blessing ("Adonai my God, you are very great, robed in beauty and majesty; wrapped in light like a garment, spreading the heavens like a tent.") Then she says the blessing, and puts the *tallis* on as she was taught: holding her hands above her head, she wraps the *tallis* around her, and there is a moment when there is only herself and the One wrapped in light. Then, when she lets the *tallis* fall to her shoulders, she again sees all her friends in the shul, but she sees them differently; some wearing the *tallis* and some not, but all of them wrapped in God's light. And as she prays, the *tallis* keeps helping her remember where she is, and in Whose image she and those around her are made.

So to answer your original question—the reason for the *tallis* in the shul—Aunt Yente would say, wear one and find out. And remember, in our liberal congregation, we even let the men wear them.

—Aunt Yente

Aunt Yente loves to receive your questions about Jewish law and ritual matters, and tries to answer as many as she can in her column (but a guarantee she doesn't make). Just write her c/o the Forward, 220 Danvers Street., San Francisco, CA 94114. All material © 1988 Congregation Sha'ar Zahav.

Newcomers' Fair

On August 28, the Bay Area Jewish Community Federation will hold a Newcomers' Fair to introduce Bay Area residents to the various services, facilities, programs and synagogues available to them. This all-day fair will take place at Fort Mason, and Congregation Sha'ar Zahav will, of course, staff a table.

The Newcomers' Fair will provide an excellent opportunity for CSZ to introduce ourselves to Jews who are unfamiliar with us, hand out literature on the congregation, and even sell some cookbooks. The membership committee will organize the staffing and schlepping, but they need help. Please contact chair Merry Luskin if you'd like to participate.



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July Yahrzeits

- 1 (Tammuz 13) Charles Crane, father of Richard Crane
- 1 William S. Gross, father of Roger Gross
- 2 Marguerite Parsell, aunt of Bill Schlichter
- 4 Genendel Szekely, grandmother of Marilyn Kalman
- 5 (Tammuz 20) Angelo Nacamulli, father of Steven and Robert Nacamulli
- 7 Andrea Goldberg, best friend of Ida Kuluk
- 8 Edward Ingersoll, father of Alex Ingersoll
- 9 Ana Heitner, grandmother of Jose Luis Moscovich
- 9 Charlotte Lucas, mother of George Lucas
- 12 Lillian Fox, aunt of Tiela Chalmers
- 15 Allan Zimmerman, father of Mike Zimmerman
- 17 Steven Berman, member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
- 18 Mary Berkowitz, grandmother of Roberta W.
- 18 Isabel June Fleming, sister of Gordon Osser
- 18 Eli Shaber, father of David Shaber
- 19 Lewis J. Ruskin, father of Pamela Ruskin
- 21 (Av 7) Aron Friedman, father of Sanford Friedman
- 23 (Av 9) Sadie Radetsky, grandmother of Allan Berenstein
- 23 Richard Blanc, father of Paul Blanc
- 24 Adele Kuluk, mother of Ida Kuluk
- 25 David Commancho, friend of Garry Koenigsberg
- 26 Meyer Kurtz, uncle of Susan Greenspan
- 27 Gershon Taitelbaum, grandfather of Yael Silverberg
- 29 (Av 15) Manuel Nachman, father of Sen Talley
- 29 Ernst Rosenstein, brother of Jerry Rosenstein
- 31 (Av 17) Ashley Dobbin, father of Bill Ashley-Dobbin
- 31 Diana Kahane, grandmother of Sylvia Weisenberg

Slichot

Slichot is a time to ask forgiveness and to prepare ourselves for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This year, CSZ will open the high holiday season with a Slichot service, preceded by a special program.

CSZ member Ron Lezell, who spent last year's high holiday season in Eastern Europe, will present a program about his experiences. Included will be a unique opportunity to see Ron's slides of synagogues behind the Iron Curtain. This special program will begin at 9:30 pm, Saturday night, September 3, and be immediately followed by Slichot services.

Oneg Sponsors

During May onegs were sponsored by the following generous people:

- 13 Merry Luskin, in honor of Robin Leonard on the occasion of her retirement as chair of the Membership Committee
- 20 Ken Burke, in memory of his son, Lawrence
- 27 Prudence Carter & Dana Folse, in honor of their *aufruf*

All you have to do to sponsor an oneg is to think of the occasion and contact the synagogue office (861-6932). The cost of sponsoring a complete oneg is \$80 or, for partial sponsorship, \$50. You can also provide the food, flowers, etc. for a more personal touch.

August Yahrzeits

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| 1 Margaret Buddell, grandmother of Abigail Abbuehl | 15 Susan Caldwell, cousin of Mike Rankin |
| 1 Sadie Katz Built, great-aunt of Bruce Katz | 15 Samuel Minsky, grandfather of Mike Rankin |
| 1 Jean Sikoff, aunt of David Glassberg | 15 Elaine Meyer Minsky, aunt of Mike Rankin |
| 2 David Kotch, member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav | 17 Morris Charney, father of Seth Charney |
| 4 Madelyn Gross Walters, mother of Stephen Walters | 17 Leo Leyser, grandfather of Kipp Leyser |
| 6 Joel Polsky, brother of Steve Polsky | 18 Benny Prengler, uncle of Ann Biderman |
| 7 (Av 24) Fanny Prochovnick, grandmother of Ora Prochovnick | 18 (Elul 5) Israel Boskoff, grandfather of Jane Graeven |
| 7 (Av 24) Golda Rudman, grandmother of Richard Crane | 18 Estella Mantey, grandmother of Bill Schlichter |
| 8 Karyl Bowden Swayze, friend of Bob Gutterman | 18 Lena Riedler, grandmother of Amy Blasenheim |
| 8 Mark Landsberger, member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav | 23 (Elul 10) Dora Solomon, grandmother of Paul Schwartz |
| 9 Miriam Honigstein, mother of Dvora Honigstein | 23 Michael Zook, friend of Barry Rosen |
| 10 Celia Katz, grandmother of Bruce Katz | 23 Frances Glassberg, aunt of David Glassberg |
| 11 (Av 28) Noah Resnick, father of Florence Nacamulli | 24 (Elul 11) Maurice Ash, father of Terry Rothchild |
| 12 Abraham Fishman, husband of Isabel Fishman | 27 Robert Kalman, brother of Marilyn Kalman |
| 13 Dave Altman, grandfather of Alan Craig | 29 Bessie Bloom Minsky, grandmother of Mike Rankin |
| 13 Saul M. Mesinger, father of Jonathan Mesinger | 30 Harry Ellis, grandfather of Brian Ellis |
| 14 Sylvia Riedler, mother of Amy Blasenheim | 30 Mabel Lear, grandmother of Dana Lear |
| 15 Esther Naboshek, grandmother of Cheri Pies | 31 (Elul 18) Samuel Albert, grandfather of Donald Albert |

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Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the last Saturday of each month at 10:30 am — check calendar for each month.

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Emergency Number: In an emergency, the Congregation can be contacted outside of office hours by calling 420-9718.

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Contributions

Sha'ar Zahav welcomes all contributions, of all sizes, to mark any event, and to any of our funds. Contributions will be acknowledged in the *Forward* unless requested otherwise.

Donations were made to Sha'ar Zahav's funds in the past months by the following contributors:

General Fund

David Glassberg & Tristano Palermino, with sweet memories of John Trojanski and Neil Stansky
Howard Blechman, with best wishes to his father, Oscar, for a speedy recovery
Ellen Elias
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Harriet Bloom, in honor of Nanci Stern's birthday
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Jerome Goldstein

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Richard Inlander, in honor of Lynn Simon on her retirement as executive director, and Sharon Silverman on entering her second year as president, of Sherith Israel

Leslie Bergson, in memory of Harvey Gold

Elaine & Alan Orvis, in gratitude for Leila's recovery

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HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES PARTICIPATION FORM

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav tries to provide an opportunity for each of its members to participate in High Holiday services. We will be assigning readings in English, and Hebrew chants, at the various services. Only members who return this form to the synagogue office by August 5 can be assured an opportunity to participate. We will try to accommodate preferences of services to the greatest extent possible, but parts at evening services are limited. Please show all the services which you will attend.

Return to: Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, 220 Danvers St., San Francisco, CA 94114, no later than Friday, August 5.

Alert!

- Are you interested in learning to blow the Shofar at High Holiday services? (No previous experience required.)
- Are you interested in reading from the Torah at High Holiday services? If so, don't wait to fill in the form, but call the synagogue office.

Name of Member _____

Telephone Number(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

I will be present at the following services:

☐ All services

Rosh Hashanah

- ☐ Sunday evening (Maariv), September 11
- ☐ Monday morning (Sacharit & Musaf), September 12

Yom Kippur

- ☐ Tuesday evening (Kol Nidre), September 20
- ☐ Wednesday morning (Sacharit & Musaf), September 21
- ☐ Wednesday late afternoon (Yizkor & Neilah), September 21

I would prefer a reading at _____

- ☐ I can read Hebrew well
- ☐ I would like to learn a Hebrew chant

There will be a practice session on Friday, September 2, at which all participants are welcome to practice their parts, if they want to. All those learning a chant or reading from the Torah are *required* to attend.

